

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/607,560

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 6 October 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-19, 22, 24, 26-28, 31-34, and 36-41, renumbered as 1-32.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 June 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20041112.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The reply filed 6 October 2004 has been received and entered.
2. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment, in order to place the application in condition for allowance, was given in a telephone interview with Himanshu S. Amin (Reg. No. 40,894) on 12 November 2004.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 35.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-19, 22, 24, 26-28, 31-34, and 36-41 are allowed and have been renumbered as 1-32.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As was indicated in the previous Office action, claims 3-15, 17, 19, 22, and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant responded by amending claims 3, 15, 17, 19, and 22 in such a manner, and accordingly, these claims, and claims 4-14, 16, 18, 24, 26-28, 31-34, and 36-41, which depend from aforementioned claims, are allowed.

The prior art of record fails to expressly teach or fairly suggest the generation, consolidation of the source node dependencies to facilitate source loop path node selection and processing in the context of the remaining limitations recited in claim 3.

The prior art of record fails to expressly teach or fairly suggest the source loop path node processing for creating a hierarchy match list in the context of the remaining limitations recited in claim 15.

The prior art of record fails to expressly teach or fairly suggest the specific combination of conditional code generation specified in claims 17 and 19, in the context of the remaining limitations recited in those claims.

The prior art of record fails to expressly teach or fairly suggest the detection of multiple source loop paths while determining source node dependencies in the context of the remaining limitations recited in claim 22.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

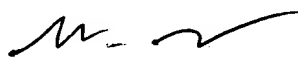
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Eric B. Kiss whose telephone number is (571) 272-3699. The Examiner can normally be reached on Tue. - Fri., 7:15 am - 4:45 pm. The Examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam, can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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